

THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.

MAZARIN BIBLES COME HIGH.
What They Are and Why They Are So
Called—\$20,000 For One Copy.

At the sale of the Ashburnham library in London a copy of the Mazarin Bible brought the good sum of \$20,000. The Mazarin Bible is so-called because a copy of it was first discovered by De Bruyne in the library of Cardinal Mazarin in Paris, about 1760.

The value for book collectors lies in the fact that it is the first book of any magnitude printed from movable types. It was issued by Gutenberg at Mainz in 1450-5, and for that reason Harry Stevens says it is now universal according to the former work.

According to Dr. Austin Allibone, there are six known copies of the Mazarin Bible on vellum, one of which is the volume found in the Mazarin library. The copies on vellum, however, are later than the copies on paper. In 21 vellum volumes there are known to exist.

There is a vellum copy of the Bible in the British museum and a paper copy in the Lenox library of this city. The present value of a perfect copy of the Mazarin Bible on paper is about \$15,000, and those on vellum are valued at about \$20,000.

There is a variable quantity, depending on what the book collectors are willing to give for them. It has long been a matter of dispute whether the types employed in printing this Bible were metallic or wooden, but the question is still undecided.

As a specimen of early printing the work is magnificent, containing richly embossed capitals in blue, red and purple.—New York Tribune.

A SMUGGLER'S TRICK.
He Carries His Wares Openly, Yet Foiled
the Customs Officials.

All this talk about smuggling recalls some of the things I learned when I was in the service," announced a third-year cadet at the Naval Academy. "The ways of beating the government are being devised right along, and many of the tricks I discovered are old now.

There used to be more trouble with the diamond smugglers than there appears to be at present. I have found the sparklers in the hands of the most notorious of the highwaymen—those who sold them in hollowed-out shoe heels and

up in various articles of wear, in dog collars, in horses' boots, in fruits and vegetables, in trunks with false bottoms, in pipes and cigars, in canes, on the necks of carrier pigeons and even buried in men's flesh after the manner of the Kaffir diamond thieves."

"I have heard of the most sly business without ever being suspected told me about it afterwards. He was a retired detective who had served with great credit. Shortly before resigning he claimed to have received a beautiful diamond ring with three very large stones from a man whom he had been able to save a good deal of money.

It was certainly a magnificent ring, and the master was duly exploited in the papers. He professed to be doing a private business that took him across the river frequently, and he would often stop at a hotel where he could be seen wearing the dazzling ring, and I looked at it every day for months. Yet that fellow was making big money smuggling diamonds.

"How? Why, he had a past ring made exactly like the genuine one. He would wear the past one over, leave it to the hotel, and when he came back have them replaced with paste and thus carry on the game right before our admiring eyes. We never suspected the rascal."—Detroit Free Press.

A Great Shot.

The Duke of Malakoff was at a hunting trip in Scotland, and his shooting, much to his disgust, and when the day was over it appeared that he would be extremely put out unless he was allowed or enabled to kill something. So in spite of all the gamekeeper could think, feel or say—a pheasant was procured, tied by its leg to the top of a post, and Malakoff shot it down some yards away with a double-barreled gun. It was supposed that he would then run up and thence take two shots at the bird. Not a bit of it. He loaded both barrels, walked close up to the pheasant, and the destruction was terrible. The enemy's decks were flooded, and the blood ran out of the scuppers—his coat filled with gore.

The Duke, said the Duke of Wellington, told the keeper that Malakoff was a great man who had smoked to death 500 Arab men, women and children in a cave, to which the gamekeeper replied: "Like enough, your grace. He'd be capable of anything."

Letters from Lord Blackford.

The Very Earliest Coins.

No one knows exactly when or where the original coin was "struck" or what metal was used. Certain passages in Homer would lead to the belief that the coins were coined as early as the year 1184 B. C. Tradition affirms that the Chinese had bronze coins as early as the year 1130 B. C. But Herodotus, the acknowledged "Father of History," is of the opinion that the "Inventor" invented coins about the time of Daris, King of Persia, during the reign of Daris. On one side of this coin is a bust of Daris and on the other side a figure of a kneeling archer.

Robert Cary rode nearly 300 miles in less than three days when he went from London to Edinburgh to inform King James of the death of Queen Elizabeth.

The heaviest bell in the world is at Moscow, which weighs 432,000 pounds. That is in city hall, New York, where it hangs.

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THE NOSE AND THE TOES.
A Physical Curist Says Pigeon-toed People Have Crooked Noses.

A professor of physical culture announces that he has discovered an intimate connection between deformities of the nose and the position of the feet.

The name is H. L. Piner, and he communicates his observations to the New York Journal:

"You can tell a pigeon-toed person without looking at his feet or seeing him walk. The discovery was made by me in 1890, while teaching physical culture. I found a woman who was weak in the movements of my pupils' feet. Looking for the cause, I found that many of them were pigeon-toed. In others one foot was correct, and the other turned in.

"In teaching correct breathing, I had to investigate the condition of the nose. I found that in every case the nose was pigeon-toed in the right foot the right nostril was stopped up or otherwise deformed. It was the same with the left foot or nostril. If both nostrils were defective, both feet were pigeon-toed.

"At one time I examined 25 persons, and every one had a pigeon-toed foot, with a corresponding defect in the left nostril. At another time I examined over 40 with a view to testing my discovery. Some of them had well developed nostrils and were not at all pigeon-toed. Some had overwide nostrils, with overwide angles at the nostrils.

"The girl I found more generally and worse pigeon-toed than boys. The person who has a whining or snuffing voice is usually pigeon-toed.

"Another discovery is that with the defective nostrils were found invariably stooped shoulders and hollow cheeks. The stoop and hollowness are due to the defects. In extreme cases there was an ugly protrusion of the abdomen, a tendency to draw back and upward the upper lip, exposing the teeth, that have also an unusually protruding tendency."

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